



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: **AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT  
FILING SYSTEM, METHOD, AND ARTICLE  
OF MANUFACTURE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed January 19, 2007, Applicants submit the following:

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